

THE WATER GAP TIMES

A Quarterly Newsletter

Issue Number 19 ~ Summer 2013



BOROUGH INFORMATION

Walter T. Conway, Mayor

Council Members:

Wayne MacWilliams, Council President

William Buzzard, Council Vice President

Elvi DeLotto
Philip Farber, III
John ShoemakerSusan Wilson
George Munn*Council Meetings:* 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All Welcome!Visit our website at dwgpa.gov

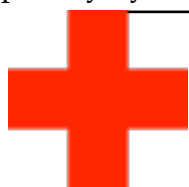
Municipal Authority Members:

James Reynolds, Chairman
Martin Wilson, Secretary
Brandon Reish, MemberRoxanne Kaiser-Antonowich, Vice Chairman
Frank Davis, Treasurer*Municipal Authority Meetings:* 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All Welcome!**Borough Office: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (570) 476-0331**Office Secretary/Treasurer Ileana Hernandez
Superintendent Robert Gallagher**Municipal Sewer Authority: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (570) 424-0433**

Office Secretary Noreen Purcell

DWG Police Department: Hours Vary Monthly (570) 476-4674Police Officer Rob Sutter - Police Officer Jeffrey Williams
police@dwgpa.gov

Summer and Fireflies are here! Fireflies are beautiful, mysterious, and magical - Sit outside on a blanket and enjoy an important part of Summer, catching and releasing or just spotting them. This is one of the best years to observe the Fireflies! Did you know Fireflies are disappearing? Most researchers blame development and light pollution. You can make your yard a haven for Fireflies by turning off exterior and garden lights and drawing your blinds at night so that interior light doesn't brighten your yard too much. Go somewhere local you've never visited. No matter how long you've lived here, it's always a good time to see your home town through the eyes of a tourist. Visit the Antoine Dutot Museum and Gallery to learn about your local history, the train station which is part of the National Historic Registry, take a hike on the Appalachian Trail, cool off by Lake Lenape, relax and tour on the Water Gap Trolley. Attend a free outdoor Sunday evening (6:00 p.m.) concert at the Church of the Mountain. Take pictures, eat and shop local. Add a little Civic Education to your agenda by attending a Borough meeting. Be sure to welcome our two new businesses, located in the Castle Inn, "Dirt Ware by Adon" original pottery by local artist Adon Reish and "Stella Rose's Candy Cavalcade" an extension of Zoe's Ice Cream.



American Red Cross Emergency Blood Drive

Friday, July 26th 2:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

Delaware Water Gap Fire Company



Borough of Delaware Water Gap Village Study

Council members Susan Wilson and Elvi DeLotto are pleased to announce that the Village Study was adopted unanimously by Borough Council. Council has already approved the submittal of an application to PennDOT under the Automatic Red Light Enforcement Grant for non matching funding. The Traffic Calming and Sidewalk Improvement Project will be along Broad Street and Main Street, covering areas that the Village Study group has worked on. This improvement includes curb extensions, replacement sidewalk and curb, and streetscaping, along the pedestrian routes of Broad and Main Street and Deer Head bump out traffic control. One of the goals is to maintain a strong small town identity and high quality of life for residents of the Borough. This study does not commit the Borough to spend money but to look to other funding sources.

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee has grown. Volunteers planted and watered the flower boxes at the Borough Hall. This Committee received a donation from Council and a personal donation from Mayor Conway to enhance the War Memorial on the corner of Shepard and Main Street. The Borough is one of the few municipalities that has attendance during the Veterans Memorial Services. The Committee is planning to replace/rearrange plants, clean the benches and monument, paint the flag pole and install a solar light to illuminate the flag. If you are interested in volunteering call the Borough Office.



Economic Development Committee

An Economic Development Committee, an offshoot of the Delaware Water Gap Chamber of Commerce, was created from the Village Study concept. It is made up of not only our Borough but also businesses in Shawnee-on-the-Delaware, Minisink and Portland. The goals are to promote and encourage economic development by working together and building new partnerships with the surrounding communities. The EDC is currently designing a directional sign, with an historic aspect, to be located at the Broad and Main Street entrance promoting the local businesses. Debbie Ketterer, of Water Gap Trolley, Inc. created a new business brochure titled *We Invite You to Visit Historic Delaware Water Gap, PA "Gateway to the Pocono Mountains"*, which was distributed locally on Founders Day and is being distributed at Welcome Center Stations throughout Pennsylvania, NY and NJ. Pick up a copy at local businesses, Borough Hall, or PennDOT Visitor Center. The Committee meets every second Monday at 9:00 a.m. at the Borough Hall.

Appalachian Trail Committee

Another creation from the Village Study Steering Committee, the Appalachian Trail Committee, has met with Karen Lutz, R, Mid-Atlantic Regional Director of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and Jan King of the Wilmington Trail Club to continue to work on enhancing our application to be designated as an Appalachian Trail Community. This designation will help the Borough with economic development through tourism and outdoor recreation along with protecting the Appalachian Trail. Take a walk on the trail and see what a great treasure we have that is appreciated by people from all over. We are unique in that the AT goes right through Main Street. Letters of support, to submit with our application, stating what you value about the AT and what the AT brings to our community are welcomed. Call the Office for more information or visit appalachiantrail.org/atcommunity.



Ten Digit Dialing

The Borough received notification from Monroe County Control Center that effective September 2013 phone calls made within the 570 area code will require the caller to dial the area code and seven digit number.

This will also affect any automatic alarms that you may use which access a phone line. You will need to re-program this line for the ten digit dialing within the "570" area code. This includes emergency alarms and utility alarms.



Alarms will not reach the Control Center or any other monitoring station without ten digit dialing. You can begin the process of changing to ten digit dialing at any time however the changes must be completed by September 21, 2013.

911 Sign Must Be Posted

Borough of Delaware Water Gap Ordinance #300 adopted in 2011 recognizes the need for emergency services personnel and others to quickly and accurately locate structures and buildings with the Borough. Your 911 house number must be clearly visible to emergency responders as they approach from either direction. There are still many homes who do not have their 911 signs displayed. You still have the opportunity to purchase the 911 signs from the Borough, make or purchase it on your own. Your sign **must be up by September 1, 2013.**

Borough Ordinance 267

Please be sure you are not violating Section H of Borough Ordinance 267 which regulates the collection of solid waste and prescribes the manner of collection and disposal of solid waste. Please note the following section of this ordinance:

Section H. It shall be unlawful for any person to bring into the municipality or permit to be brought into the municipality for pickup/collection and disposal any solid waste, including municipal waste, refuse, rubbish or bulk waste that is not generated in or originates from residences located within the municipality. **Violation of this ordinance is punishable by fine. Not only will the resident but the person who brings in the waste will be fined.**

Borough Ordinance # 270

The Borough requires that all dogs must be leashed or under the owner's control at all times. Also, no person shall allow their animal to defecate, defile or corrupt any roadway, sidewalk or property, even there own, within the Borough. The fine is up to \$300 and/or removal of animal.

Monroe County Vector Control has been hurt by shortages of funding and cannot afford to spray for mosquitoes this year. Many of the municipalities, including our Borough, in Monroe County have made donations to help the agency. Here is how you can help prevent mosquito problems on your property.

- Empty water from containers such as flower pots, birdbaths, pet water dishes, cans, gutters, tires and buckets regularly to disrupt the mosquito breeding cycle.
- Keep windows and door screens in good working order to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- If possible, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants while outdoors, consider staying indoors early in the morning and evening when mosquitoes are most active.
- Maintain your swimming pool to prevent mosquito breeding.
- Use mosquito netting over infants carriers when infants are outdoors.
- Consider using an insect repellent, be sure to follow the label directions for applying the repellent.

